Madam, I know that the time that has been allotted to me is only three or four minutes, and out of your generosity and kindness, you have been looking the other way, but I have been looking at the watch, and I am coming to the end of my speech.

I don't think this is going to be a great improvement on the existing system of fighting corruption in the civil services. Take it from me; clevers will swerve in. A person becomes corrupt not by accident but by choice. When he makes that choice himself, he is clever enough to drag on the procedure and finally escape the net of punishment. So, this Bill is not going to catch such big fishes, as we would like to. Strengthen this Bill, if necessary. Take a little more time; plug the loopholes; make sure that nobody will question the legality or validity of it, and then, probably, a better Bill which will satisfy all sections of the House should be there to fight this evil. Thank you, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. I made two suggestions, Dr. Alexander. One was about including the Leader of the Opposition of the Rajya Sabha and, maybe also, the Leader of the House of the Rajya Sabha, because the Prime Minister is the Leader of the House in the Lower House and the Leader of the Opposition is also included there. So, it should be the Leader of the House as well as the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha. This is one suggestion. And, I would appreciate if you also support the second suggestion that any legislation, including this, that they bring in should be gender-neutral. It should not be so biased against women; say, for instance, the Government never imagines that a woman will become a Vigilance Commissioner.

Before I call the next Member, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs will lay the Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for the year 2003-04, on behalf of Shri Jaswant Singh.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL) 2003-04

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): With your permission, Madam, I lay on the Table of the House a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for the year 2003-04 (August 2003).